

RECREATION

Sundance will limit trail use

*Resort wants to protect areas
damaged by hikers and bikers.
Path to falls will stay closed.*

By Claudia Argueta 5-24-93
Deseret News staff writer

SUNDANCE — Sundance will close its trails to mountain bikers and its trail head leading to Stewart Falls to hikers because of overuse and the resort's inability to accommodate an increasing number of visitors.

"We are having to make tough decisions about what we can offer the public and what we can't," said Julie Mack, environmental facilitator for Sundance. "As the population in the Wasatch Front increases, recreation needs increase."

Mack said Sundance will close its trails to mountain bikers because they cause damage by straying from the trails and through general overuse. There also have been conflicts between bikers and horse-

Alternatives to Sundance

Hiking to Stewart Falls:

- Theater-in-the-Pines trail head on the Aspen Grove trail

Picnicking:

- Hope Campground — access on Squaw Peak Road

- Theater-in-the-Pines — access from Alpine Loop

- Wasatch Mountain State Park — access from Cascade Springs Scenic Drive or Provo Canyon Scenic Byway

Mountain biking:

- Ridge Trail — access from Alpine Loop

- Cascade Springs Road — access from Cascade Springs Scenic Drive or Provo Scenic Byway

- Timpooneke Road — access from Alpine Loop

- Squaw Peak Road — access from Provo Canyon Scenic Byway

- Great Western Trail — access from South Fork of Provo Canyon

back riders who share the trails.

The trail head to Stewart Falls, which Sundance closed last year, will remain closed because the trail needs time to re-vegetate after suffering from wear and tear, erosion and overuse, Mack said.

"It's such a popular trail, so many

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people like to use it," Mack said. "It's a fragile environment that gets damaged very quickly."

Mack also said the resort wants to "maintain the integrity of the mountain" and keep a serene setting for its guests.

Guests have had difficulty parking because of the number of picnickers, bikers and hikers using the small lot.

"The bottom line is that we are a business and we need to be able to provide our guests with what they want — a quiet, serene experience," Mack said.

"We can offer resort facilities, we are not a public park. We can't be all things to all people," she said.

The Sundance resort has a summer theater, a children's theater, two restaurants, skiing and an equestrian center.

Mack said the canyon offers other alternatives for hikers, picnickers and mountain bikers. "We feel comfortable making this decision because there are so many alternatives."

Executive focus

Donald Heidel

Executive chef
Sundance Resort

VITAL STATISTICS

Age: 33

Where born: Hyde Park, N.Y.

Family: Wife, Pam; children, Jason, Nicole and Kayla

Education: Graduated from the Culinary Institute of America

Primary product: A unique environment with our guests in mind

Primary market: Local and destination guests

Employees: 30

Annual sales or other business indicator: \$3 million

PERSONALITY PROFILE

First "real" job: Ravenueax Country Club banquet chef.

Management style: Treat people with respect.

Keys to success: "I listen to my employees and guests."

One lesson I've learned in my work: Lead by example.

What I like about my line of work: The creativity.

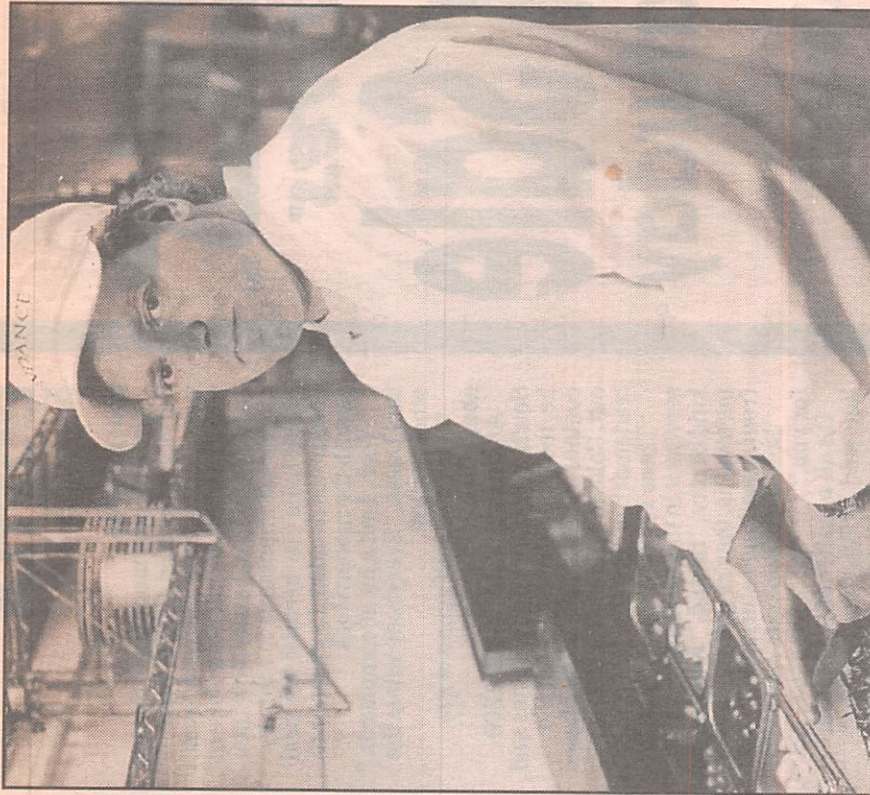
Heroes: The one that is in all of us.

Leisure time and hobbies: Cycling and the guitar.

Favorite book and movie: "Steven Covey's 7 Habits"; "JFK."

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Donald Heidel says listening to workers, guests is key to success.

Sundance application on planning commission agenda

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PROVO — Only one application is on the agenda of the Utah County Planning Commission for its meeting Tuesday at 7 p.m. in room 1400 of the Utah County Administration Building.

Sundance Development Corp. is requesting approval of an amendment to the Sundance Recreational

Resort Plat A to include a ski patrol hut and a communication transmission facility.

The location would be at the top of Arrowhead Ski Lift in Provo Canyon. The communication transmission facility would be utilized by the Utah County Sheriff, Utah County Search and Rescue

and by cellular telephone users in Provo Canyon.

Two items are on the subdivision consent calendar:

- Craig R. Madsen is seeking approval of Madsen Estates Plat A, a proposed three-lot subdivision in the Transitional Residen-

tial-5 zone at 1350 North 2130 West in the Provo city area. The subdivision currently has one home on it.

- Shirley Wilson is requesting approval of South Pasture Subdivision, Plat A, a three-lot subdivision at 4200 West 9600 South in the Payson area.

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Sundance reaches out with community activities

By Genelle Pugmire
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PROVO CANYON — Throughout the summer, the Sundance Resort has been giving back to residents a little of what it has been given — support.

Julie Mack, Sundance spokeswoman, said, "We also feel a sense of pride as members of this community and want to contribute in a positive way."

As part of that contribution, the resort has sponsored several activities. The first event was Senior Citizens Night at the Sundance Summer Theatre.

Senior citizens from the Provo

Eldred Center and the Orem Center were invited to attend a barbecue and the production of "Guys and Dolls." Utah County Commissioner Richard Johnson opened the show by honoring both centers for the many important services that they provide.

A luncheon and tickets to the children's production, "Otis Furi-oso," were organized in conjunction with the American Diabetes Association. Officials said children with juvenile diabetes have a tough time and deserve some recognition.

Another activity recognized participants in Youth Force, an orga-

nization that reaches out to inner-city youth and gets them involved with community service projects. This year the group has helped to renovate Head Start preschools.

"We want to provide as many kids as possible with the opportunity to see theater for children, especially to those kids that might not otherwise get a chance for the experience," Mack said.

To end the summer appreciation activities, Sundance will honor the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts who have worked to build and repair the Great Western Trail in the Uinta National Forest.

"There is such a strong sense of community in Utah County that we value and have enjoyed," Mack said. "We feel it is important to reach out and be a vital part of that community."

Sundance will continue its outreach program throughout the year by honoring a variety of groups.

County planners OK Sundance amendment

By JOSEPHINE ZIMMERMAN

Herald Staff Writer

PROVO — The Utah County Planning Commission approved an amendment to Sundance Recreational Resort, Plat A, Tuesday night, over the objections of Robert Bennion, a Sundance area resident.

Representatives of Sundance Recreational Resort asked the planning commission to give a favorable recommendation to their plan for a ski patrol hut, service hut and cellular transmitter facility at the top of Arrowhead ski lift.

The transmitter facility would have a 16-foot tower to make cellular communication available to canyon residents, to the sheriff's department, the fire department and others.

Hoyt Cousins, director of planning for Sundance Recreational Resort, said the facilities were designed to provide protection for people in the canyon.

Dale Buxton, acquisitions su-

pervisor for Cellular One, told commissioners that the cellular transmitter would not result in interference with any electronics users in the canyon.

Tom Wroe, county fire marshal, said he favored the improvements from the perspective of emergency services, noting that many times they have been "blind-sided" by the inability to call out of the area, particularly during winter when the highway may be shut off by an avalanche.

Bennion said he thought the cellular communication was a good idea, but claimed the planning commission was "going about it all wrong."

He declared that the plat had no signatures from corporate officers indicating they favored the changes, and that the planning commission is not allowed to approve cellular radio towers, since that must be done by the board of adjustment.

He also claimed the review process was not being carried out

properly, since the entire plat must be reviewed for items like road access, fire hydrants, human occupancy provisions, etc.

Sterling Sainsbury, deputy county attorney, said Bennion was looking at the wrong part of the zoning ordinance, since the ordinance was changed a few years ago to allow large scale developments to amend only portions of their plats.

Planning director Jeff Mendenhall said the county has a new ordinance requiring approval of electronic transmission towers to be approved by the board of adjustment, but it went into effect after the Sundance application was received.

After heated words from Bennion, the commission voted to give a favorable recommendation to the county commission on the improvements. The vote was 6-0.

A public hearing must be scheduled by the county commission on the plat amendments.

Planning commissioners also

granted favorable recommends to two subdivisions:

- Craig Madsen subdivision, a three-lot subdivision in the Transitional-Residential Zone at 1350 North, east of 2150 West in the Provo area. One commissioner, Wayne Anderson, voted against approval, stating that he was not satisfied concerning how surface drainage water would be handled from the subdivision.

- South Pasture Subdivision, a three-lot subdivision in the Agriculture-1 zone at 4200 West and 9600 South in the Payson area.

Planning commissioner Bill Ferguson asked about the proposed golf course in the South Fork of Provo Canyon, asking if it is in the unincorporated area and would require county approval.

Mendenhall said the area is in the unincorporated area, but apparently plans had not been put together to the point where Provo city or the developers would come before the planning commission for review.

County to conduct Sundance hearings

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By JOSEPHINE ZIMMERMAN

Herald Staff Writer

PROVO — Utah County commissioners will conduct a public hearing Sept. 15 at 10 a.m. in the commission meeting room on amendments to the Sundance Recreational Resort, Plat A.

Sundance officials want to construct a ski patrol hut and cellular transmission facility at the top of Arrowhead lift.

The project received a unanimous recommendation from the county planning commission, and endorsement from the sheriff's department and fire marshal.

Robert Bennion, resident of the Sundance area, told planning commissioners that the improvements were a good idea, but they were going about it wrong. He listed a number of objections to the procedures, citing sections of the county zoning ordinance.

At that meeting, Sterling Sainsbury, deputy county attorney, declared that the planning commis-

sions was following the proper procedure.

At Monday's county commission meeting, Bennion claimed the commission had no right to set a public hearing because the plat amendment was insufficient in that it lacked easements, and that the ordinance did not allow communications towers in a recreational resort. He declared that the zoning ordinance expressly prohibits what it does not expressly allow.

Bennion also claimed the plat lacked proper signatures from officials of Sundance Recreational Development Corporation or documentation that the improvements had been approved by the corporation board.

Commissioner Malcolm Beck declared that "for safety reasons, I can't see how anyone could oppose (the improvements)."

Deputy county attorney Kent Sundberg said the issues Bennion raised were issues that could prop-

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erty be raised at a public hearing. Commissioners also appointed County Auditor Ronald M. Smith and UVEDA director Richard Bradford as county representatives to the taxing agency committee of the North Lehi Industrial Park project.

Commissioners set a cash bond of \$1,600 per acre for 20 acres to be developed as a gravel pit near Elberta by Vally Asphalt, Inc.

They delayed action on authorizing the chairman to sign 1993-94 substance abuse agreements.

Sundance offering independent and foreign films

Nov 1993

SUNDANCE — Robert Redford's Sundance Institute will launch Sundance Cinematheque, a film series featuring the best of American independent cinema, recent foreign films and movie classics, at Sundance Resort.

Geoffrey Gilmore, director of programming for the Sundance Institute's Film Festival, said the Cinematheque program "will provide a showcase for viewing year-round the kinds of films available at the Sundance Film Festival. Audiences will have an opportunity to view films by America's most promising new directors as well as the classic auteurs and the best of international cinema."

The Cinematheque will be launched with a series of weekly screenings beginning the final weekend of October with a rare screening of "The Curse of the Cat People," directed by Robert Wise and produced by Val Lewton (1944), on Saturday.

Future Friday night screenings will feature the best of recent international cinema with a focus on

earlier films by today's most celebrated foreign directors. "Mona Lisa," by director Neil Jordan (who won an Academy Award earlier this year for "The Crying Game"), will be followed by Gillian Armstrong's "The Last Days of Chez Nous," Aki Kaurismaki's "Ariel," and "Europa, Europa" by Agnieszka Holland, director of "The Secret Garden."

In keeping with the institute's commitment to American independent filmmakers, the always popular Saturday night at the movies will feature a classic restoration and recent stand-outs by today's most promising new directors. A restored print of Frank Capra's dramatic fantasy "Lost Horizon" (1937) will be featured on Nov. 6. Actor Tim Robbin's "Bob Rob-

erts" will be screened Nov. 13. "A Woman Under the Influence" by director John Cassavetes and Spike Lee's "Mo' Better Blues" will be screened on Nov. 20 and 27 respectively.

The last Saturday afternoon of each month will also bring the best of children's films to Sundance, beginning Nov. 27 with a screening of "The Man Who Planted Trees" directed by Frederic Back.

Future Sundance Cinematheque series will feature outstanding documentaries by America's pre-eminent non-fiction filmmakers. In the coming months, the Cinematheque Classics series will include unique programs such as a look at the first films by notable directors and clas-

sic films and their recent remakes.

All screenings will take place in the Sundance Institute's Screening Room at Sundance Resort in Provo Canyon. Screening time is 8 p.m. with Saturday matinees scheduled at 4 p.m.

Individual tickets will be available at the door at \$5 for the general public and \$2.50 for students and senior citizens. For complete program information or to purchase a Friends of the Institute Cinematheque Ticket Pass, contact the Sundance Institute at 328-3456, or write to P.O. Box 16450, Salt Lake City, Utah 84116.

